

§ 731. Allotments of public documents printed after expiration of terms of Members of Congress; rights of retiring Members to documents

The Congressional allotment of public documents, other than the Congressional Record, printed after the expiration of the term of office of the Vice President of the United States, or Senator, Representative, or Resident Commissioner, shall be delivered to his successor in office.

Unless the Vice President of the United States, a Senator, Representative, or Resident Commissioner, having public documents to his credit at the expiration of his term of office takes them prior to the 30th day of June next following the date of expiration, he shall forfeit them to his successor in office.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 158 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 72, 28 Stat. 612; Mar. 18, 1924, ch. 60, 43 Stat. 24; June 18, 1934, ch. 606, § 1, 48 Stat. 1017).

Words "or her" deleted by authority of Title 1, sec. 1—"words importing masculine gender may be applied to females".

§ 732. Time for distribution of documents by Members of Congress extended

Reelected Members may distribute public documents to their credit, or the credit of their respective districts in the Interior or other Departments and bureaus, and in the Government Printing Office, during their successive terms and until their right to frank documents ends.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 159 (June 4, 1897, ch. 2, § 1, 30 Stat. 62).

§ 733. Documents and reports ordered by Members of Congress; franks and envelopes for Members of Congress

The Public Printer on order of a Member of Congress, on prepayment of the cost, may reprint documents and reports of committees together with the evidence papers submitted, or any part ordered printed by the Congress.

He may also furnish without cost to Members and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, blank franks printed on sheets and perforated, or singly at their option, for public documents. Franks shall contain in the upper left-hand corner the following words: "Public document. United States Senate" or "House of Representatives U.S." and in the upper right-hand corner the letters "U.S.S." or "M. C." But he may not print any other words except where it is desirable to affix the official title of a document. Other words printed on franks shall be at the personal expense of the Member or Resident Commissioner ordering them.

At the request of a Member of Congress or Resident Commissioner the Public Printer may print upon franks or envelopes used for mailing public documents the facsimile signature of the Member or Resident Commissioner and a special request for return if not called for, and the name

of the State or Commonwealth and county and city. The Member or Resident Commissioner shall deposit with his order the extra expense involved in printing these additional words.

The Public Printer may also, at the request of a Member or Resident Commissioner, print on envelopes authorized to be furnished, the name of the Member or Resident Commissioner, and State or Commonwealth, the date, and the topic or subject matter, not exceeding twelve words.

The Public Printer shall deposit moneys accruing under this section in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the appropriation made for the working capital of the Government Printing Office for the year in which the work is done. He shall account for them in his annual report to Congress.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253; Pub. L. 93-191, § 8(a), Dec. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 745; Pub. L. 93-255, § 2(b), Mar. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 52; Pub. L. 99-87, § 1(c)(2), Aug. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 291.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 162 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 37, 28 Stat. 606; Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 189, § 1, 28 Stat. 961; Jan. 30, 1904, ch. 39, 33 Stat. 9; Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, § 1, 43 Stat. 1300).

Section 893 of Title 48, U.S. Code, provides that: "The Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico shall . . . be allowed the franking privilege granted Members of Congress."

By inference he should be included in section 733, since the franking privilege should include the means to use it.

Changes have been made in section 733 to include the Resident Commissioner as to printing of franks.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-87 temporarily inserted "Franks may also contain information relating to missing children as provided in section 3220 of title 39." before "But he may not print" in second par. See Termination Date of 1985 Amendment note below.

1974—Pub. L. 93-255 struck out "Postage paid by Congress." after "Public document." in second par.

1973—Pub. L. 93-191 substituted "Public document. Postage paid by Congress." for "Public document. Free." in second par.

TERMINATION DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-87 not effective after Dec. 31, 2002, see section 5 of Pub. L. 99-87, as amended, set out as a Termination Date note under former section 3220 of Title 39, Postal Service.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-191 effective Dec. 18, 1973, see section 14 of Pub. L. 93-191, set out as a note under section 3210 of Title 39, Postal Service.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 2 section 31b-4; title 39 sections 3201, 3216.

§ 734. Stationery and blank books for Congress

Upon requisition of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, respectively, the Public Printer shall furnish stationery, blank books, tables, forms, and other necessary papers preparatory to congressional legislation, required for the official use of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or their committees and officers. This does not prevent the purchase by the officers of the Senate